



Summer Camp Programs Newsletter

Welcome to the 2019 Summer Camp Program! We are happy that your child(ren) will be participating in our camps. This newsletter contains important information that will help you and your child(ren) prepare.

Camps by Session

Kinderplay, Discovery, Quest, Imagination, Rainbow, Endeavor
#1 Wed., June 19 - Fri., June 21
#2 Mon., June 24 - Fri., July 5 *
#3 Mon., July 8 - Fri., July 19
#4 Mon., July 22 - Fri., Aug 2



***NO CAMP will be held on Thurs., July 4th.**

Campers and their families are invited to Celebrate America's Independence at the City's SUMMERFEST LAWN PARTY & FIREWORKS CELEBRATION on Saturday, June 29th at Bohrer Park from 5 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Activities are free and include live music, inflatables, and kids' activities followed by fireworks and a SummerGlo After Party.

Details regarding the specific location, address and hours of operation for each camp site can be found on page 4.

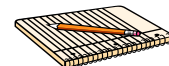
General Camp Information:

CHECK IN/OUT: All children must check in and out of camp each day. Parents must accompany children to the sign-in desk to drop-off and pick-up their children. Children will only be permitted to walk home when it is indicated on the consent form, or if the parent sends a written note. Campers should stay for the entire program, unless the note specifies that they can walk home early. If someone other than those listed on the consent form will be picking up your child, please send a note giving permission. Please be prepared to show ID at the time of pick-up. In addition, we ask that parents pick up children **by the specified end time of the program**. A charge for late pick-ups will be assessed for \$3 per 10 minutes per child. This late charge is payable, IN CASH, to the Team Leader at the time you arrive late. We appreciate your promptness and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

All of the enclosed camp forms must be submitted on the first day your child attends the program. Forms are also available online at www.gaithersburgmd.gov/recreation/youth-teen-activities/summer-camps under **Documents**.

Please Note: Next year these forms will ONLY be available electronically.

FIRST DAY: We hope your child(ren) are as excited as we are for the first day of summer camp!! As a parent, please help us create a safe and successful summer environment by coming prepared with accurate information on the required camp forms listed below.



CAMP CONSENT FORM: This form contains essential information regarding emergency contacts and release authorization. Consent forms **MUST** be completed and turned-in **on the first day** your child attends camp.

CHARACTER AGREEMENT: This agreement explains to parents and children the department's guidelines on behavior and responsibility. Please take the time to help your child read and understand the agreement. This form should be signed and submitted **on the first day** your child attends camp.

MEDICATION FORM: If your child takes medication during the camp day, fill out the enclosed medication form and return it **on the first day your child attends camp**. We **MUST** have this form signed by a doctor before we can hold any medication for your child, including any prescription or over-the-counter medicines. Medications must be in the original container with instructions for use and/or in a container labeled by the prescriber/pharmacist. If you do not need this form at this time, please keep it in the event the need arises during the camp session.

CAMP COMMUNICATIONS: Each camp site is given a specific camp phone number at the start of the summer. The best way to communicate directly with the Team Leaders on site is to call the camp phone number, which will be listed in the individual camp's weekly newsletter. Please note that there may be poor cell service in some MCPS camp facilities. If you have trouble reaching the camp, please call the Activity Center at 301-258-6350. The Recreation Department recently implemented a new recreation management software system, ACTIVE.Net, and we are not yet able to send text messages using this system. Please be patient with us as we transition through this learning process.

UNITS: Campers are assigned to a unit based on their age, total number of campers and staff to camper ratios, which are mandated by the state. Unit assignments will be announced the first day of each camp session.

CAMP ATTIRE & PERSONAL ITEMS: Throughout the summer, campers will be involved in activities that will be held outside. We suggest that they dress comfortably - shorts and a T-shirt are recommended. We also advise that campers wear a hat. All campers must wear sneakers or athletic footwear. No sandals or flip-flops will be allowed except at the pool. Parents are reminded to mark clothing, belongings, etc. with their camper's name. Campers are strongly discouraged from bringing personal items (ie jewelry, watches, etc.) or electronics devices (phones, games, tablets, etc.) to camp. If campers decide to bring these items to camp, they should keep them stored during camp hours. The City of Gaithersburg is not responsible for stolen, lost, or damaged items.



LUNCHES & SNACKS: Campers should bring a lunch and drink daily. Camp sites do not have microwaves or refrigeration, so please pack lunches and snacks accordingly. Campers are also encouraged to bring separate snacks and drinks for the morning and afternoon. At Camp Rainbow, Discovery, and Endeavor, Montgomery County Food Service Department will provide breakfast and lunch daily if campers choose to have pre-prepared meals. Montgomery County Food Service will also provide lunch for participants at Lakelands YAPS and Teen YAPS.



SWIM SCHEDULE: Most camps swim multiple times per week at the Water Park at Bohrer Park, 512 S. Frederick Ave. Swim schedules are distributed on the first day of camp at each site. Camps that are not held at Bohrer Park will be bused to the Water Park. Buses depart sites at **8:45 a.m. for the pool**. If you arrive later than 8:45 a.m. on a swim day, please meet us at pool and check-in at the front gate.



Note: All campers exit the Water Park and re-load their buses prior to 11 a.m., when the pool opens to the public. Please make sure to clearly **indicate your child's swimming ability** on the consent form. Campers should bring a bathing suit and towel every swim day. Children may wear their swimsuit to camp under their clothes on these days and change after swim (don't forget to pack underwear.) We ask that you mark all items with your campers' names.

Boardwalk Fries is contracted to provide food services at the Water Park. Campers may bring extra money to purchase snacks at the pool. Campers are responsible for their own money. A menu and price list for Boardwalk

Fries is available the first week of camp. Please be aware that Boardwalk Fries may use canola oil to fry foods, but may not be completely peanut free. If your child has peanut allergies, please inform the staff of any precautions that should be taken to ensure your child's safety.

SUNSCREEN: It is highly recommended that campers bring their own sunscreen and use it throughout the day as needed. Parents are encouraged to apply sunscreen to their children before arriving at camp. Camps will have spray sunscreen on site and City staff may assist in spraying sunscreen on campers provided that written parental consent has been received on the consent form. City staff will not apply SPF lotion to campers. Parents may also write a note indicating that they do not want staff to spray sunscreen on their children.

CODE RED: In the event of a code red day, camps will reduce the time campers spend outside as well as ensure that campers are well-hydrated. Please be advised that the sites' gymnasiums **Do Not Have Air Conditioning**.

LOST & FOUND: Please check lost and found at camp sites every day. Pool lost and found will only be held for one week at the pool.

FIELD TRIPS: Expenses for all regular field trips have been included in the basic camp fee. No refunds will be given to campers for absence or non-participation.



CAMP T-SHIRTS: All campers will be given one camp T-shirt during the first week they attend camp. We would like all campers to wear this shirt for every field trip. Camp shirts do not need to be worn on swim days.

CAMPER HEALTH: Campers should be in good health when attending the camps. If there are indications of illness, your child will not be admitted or allowed to stay at the camp for the health and safety of other campers.



A child will NOT be permitted to attend camps with the following conditions:

- Fever of 100 degrees or above.
- Vomiting.
- Yellow or green nasal discharge.
- Any contagious disease (such as chickenpox, ringworm, scabies/lice, conjunctivitis, impetigo). We follow the state and county guidelines for exclusion for all communicable diseases.
- Unexplained rash.
- Any symptoms requiring one-on-one care or causing severe discomfort without the use of medications.

TOILETING REGULATIONS: If your child has 3 toileting accidents during the summer program, he/she may be removed from camp. Alert the Team Leader if your child has a condition that might hinder him/her from abiding by this guideline.

Please remember to return the signed Character Agreement, Consent Form and Medication Form (if necessary) to the Camp Team Leader on the first day your child attends camp.



If you have any questions concerning the Summer Camp Program, please contact a member of the Summer Camp Team at (301) 258-6350 or summercamps@gaithersburgmd.gov. You may also speak with the Team Leaders directly at the camp site.

2019 Camp Site Locations

CAMP DATES: Wed., June 19 – Fri., Aug 2

Kinderplay

Ages: 5-6

Hours: 9am - 1pm

Location: Diamond ES
4 Marquis Dr.

Supervisor: Rachel Tailby

All-Day Elementary Camps

Ages: 6-10

Hours: 7:30am - 4pm

Extended Care: 4pm - 6pm (available for additional fee)

Camp Discovery

Location: Rosemont ES
16400 Alden Ave.

Supervisor: Maura Dinwiddie

Camp Imagination

Location: Rachel Carson ES
100 Tschiffely Square Rd.

Supervisor: Dave Ludington

Camp Quest

Location: Diamond ES
4 Marquis Dr.

Supervisor: Rachel Tailby

Camp Rainbow

Location: Activity Center at Bohrer Park
506 S Frederick Ave.

Supervisor: Julius Arnold

Youth Activity Programs (YAPS)

Ages: 6-10

Hours: 8:00am - 1:30pm

Location: Lakelands Park MS
1200 Main St.

Supervisor: Keegan Aragon

Teen YAPS (TAPS)

Ages: 11-13

Hours: 8:00am – 1:30pm

Location: Lakelands Park MS
1200 Main St.

Supervisor: Jake Hersom

Camp Endeavor

Ages: 11-13

Hours: 7:30am - 4pm

Extended Care: 4pm - 6pm (available for additional fee)

Location: Activity Center at Bohrer Park
506 S Frederick Ave.

Supervisor: Christina Herndon

CAMP DATES: Wed., June 19 – Fri., Aug 9

Camp Xceler8

Ages: 11-14

Hours: 7:30am - 4pm

Extended Care: 4pm - 6pm (available for additional fee)

Location: Robertson Park Youth Center
801 Rabbitt Rd.

Supervisor: Jake Hersom